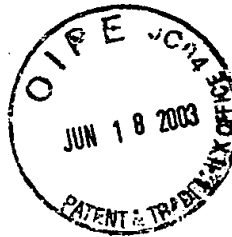


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In re: Hanley et al.
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AMENDMENT
(37 C.F.R. § 1.121)

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2002 having a 3 month period for response, having been extended for three months, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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